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VATICAN "SPY NEST" ---AN ARRAIGNMENT

Italian Statesman Pirolini Affirms He Has Documentary Evidence to Prove Vatican a "Spy Nest"

In the course of a brilliant and courageous speech delivered in the Italian parliament Deputy Pirolini applied a term to the vatican that will stick like a burr. Long after the present war is over historians will, in all probability, continue to use this phrase as being the most apt, and illuminating term that can be found to describe the vatican's relation to the autocracy of the Central empires. The distinguished Italian statesman, after paying his respects to the dangerous pro-German demagogue, Ex-Premier Giolitti, denounced the vatican as a "SPY NEST" and affirmed that he had voluminous documentary evidence to support his characterization. Of the truth of this statement there can be no doubt, and none know the facts so well as Benedict XV, the black pope and other prominent pro-German chiefs of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Every week, almost every day, new evidence comes to light confirming the authenticity of the amazing revelations made during the past year in *The Menace* and which have later been put into consecutive historical form by Mr. Lee in his brilliant and authentic little work, *THE VATICAN, THE KAISER AND THE WORLD WAR*.

Recently the *Pacific Christian Advocate* joined the rapidly increasing number of prominent religious, Masonic and secular papers that are recognizing the evil part Rome is playing in the interest of kaiserism or senseless autocracy.

In its issue for January 2, this important religious journal of the Pacific coast devotes the whole of its first editorial page to a discussion which appears under the head, "The Vatican is a Spy Nest."

The following is taken verbatim from this editorial:

"We are not surprised at the statements of Deputy Pirolini. Every nation has suffered from the intrigues of Prussianism. Every day, in some country, something new in German intrigue comes to light. Much documentary evidence of this nature has been placed before the world in recent issues of the public press of the United States. Every nation with imperialistic ambitions has depended as much upon her skill to corrupt as upon the power of her arms. Caesar took cities by fomenting sedition within their walls as often as by direct attack. Before the Persians would attack a Greek city they would first penetrate it with spies who would corrupt the leaders, tamper with the army, and destroy the power of resistance by splitting the people into factions. Often in the enemy country, they were successful in turning to their aid, men who had capacity for leadership.

"This has been Germany's method. For years, and very skillfully, she has laid her plans for world-domination. Lift a stone anywhere in the earth and a blood-sucking von Igel, a venomous von Luxburg, a scaly Bolo wriggles to cover. Look in any dark corner, in the roll of a black spider, you will find a von Bernstorff, a Zimmerman, or a von Jagow.

"In the United States for years past large influences have been at work until we had become quite Teutonized. Prince Henry, the Kaiser's brother, at the height of Roosevelt's power as president, wine and dined by that astute individual, popularized everything German in America. So skillfully and so thoroughly did Germany do her work, that some of our leading statesmen had come to believe that we should break with England. A chain of powerful newspapers, for years advocated an alliance between the United States and Germany against England and Japan. No one doubts that a large part of the misunderstanding between the United States and Mexico is due to German intrigue. By intrigue Germany is successful in Russia where success by force of arms was scarcely to be thought of. If Germany wins this war it will not be by force of arms but by intrigue which by force

split her enemy forces into helpless factions.

"Why should not the Kaiser seek to corrupt the vatican? He joined hands with the 'unspeakable Turk,' and sought to bring about a 'Holy War.' Why should he not enter the sacred precincts of the vatican? He needs allies. Why not find them there? His strongest ally, Austria, is the most faithful Roman Catholic country. The pope has influence in the enemy country. Perhaps an 'infallible pope,' can be used to gain his autocratic ends.

"It is charged that the pope's peace terms were 'made in Germany.' This is denied both by the pope and by leading Catholic prelates. But it is quite impossible to convince the world that the Kaiser had nothing to do with it. A war-weary world is not tolerant of peace terms, whether 'made in Germany,' or made in the vatican, which will leave autocratic Germany undiminished in power. But why were peace terms offered which were favorable to Germany? First, because Austria was well-nigh exhausted and the pope was thinking of the welfare of his subjects. It is only human for him to do that. Second, because if autocracy perishes in Germany, it will speedily perish from the earth. But if a peace can be made that is favorable to Germany, and so made as to conceal the real meaning of the war, then not only in Germany is the autocratic principle preserved: it is likewise preserved in the Roman Catholic church.

"True or not true that the vatican is a 'spy nest,' why was not its voice heard upon the side of justice when Belgium and Serbia were invaded? That was a golden opportunity that the 'Shepherd of the Peoples,' the 'Viceroy of God,' missed. Had he spoken then, he would have earned some right to counsel the nations, but that right was forfeited, when undenounced by the church claiming spiritual authority, the strong nation brutally trampled the weak, violated sacred and protective treaties, and by horrible atrocities, perpetrated in the name of God, shook the Christian faith of the world."

The *Pacific Christian Advocate* seems to have overlooked the fact that the Jesuits boast that they have twenty-five million members pledged to unquestionably carry out the orders of the black pope and his subordinate officials. That this network of Jesuitical activity extends throughout the entire civilized world, and that in all probability had it not been for these centers of organized activity very largely manned by zealous Jesuits from southern or Catholic Germany and from the Austro-Hungarian empire the apostles of "Kultur" or of pan-German domination and world autocracy could never have made anything like the headway they have made as "trouble-makers" throughout the world.

The editor also seems to have overlooked the fact that the Kaiser has cultivated the pope, making so many presents to the pope that a room is set apart in the vatican for these gifts. Furthermore, he does not seem to know how extremely cordial were the relations between the Kaiser and the last black pope, Father Francis X. Wernz, or the further fact that the present black pope, Father Ledochowski, is a Polish Austrian Roman Catholic.

With these facts in mind however the success of the apostles of pan-Germanism or world autocracy in pushing the German propaganda ceases to be the mystery it is to many people.

Again we find that the United States Secret Service has not been loafing on the job. In fact it is very probable that the manner in which the French government is now dealing with former Premier Caillaux is due in large measure to evidence which Mr. Lansing was able to furnish. This evidence was in the nature of intercepted dispatches sent by Bernstorff, one of which informed his government that Caillaux was aboard a certain vessel and that if the ship were taken to treat him with courtesy and consideration in an unobtrusive manner. This shows that Germany was keeping close tab on Mr. Caillaux, whose connivance with vatican luminaries has caused the papacy no little uneasiness and whose pro-German activities have been put to an end by recent imprisonment.

THE HIDDEN HAND IN RUSSIAN AFFAIRS

Sinn Feinism of Present Regime and Related Facts May Connect Rome With Deflection

We have never been altogether certain that the effort of the present regime in Russia is not a move participated in by vatican propagandists and the reasons for our surmise as to the vatican's interest in this affair are many. A few of them are set forth in the following.

First, it is a known fact that Trotsky is an international Jew who had been, until he departed for Russia, domiciled in New York. It is also reported that when he sailed for Russia, England, fearing the legitimacy of his mission, met the boat on which he was a passenger and removed him therefrom to prevent his completing the trip.

This report raised such a hue and cry among a certain element, (not named in dispatches mentioning it) in New York, that England decided to liberate him.

Now we contend that there is only one propaganda and one people that England has been disposed to favor under such circumstances when to do so might mean trouble for England—and her policy in doing so has been, it would seem, not so much a disregard for consequences as a desire to give the living lie to the can-lunies those people were promulgating against her in a world-wide propaganda. The particular people and propaganda is those Irish papists who insist on Rome rule, sometimes called "home rule," for Ireland. It was a policy like this that liberated the more than one hundred Sinn Feiners who had done so much against her.

and who were, immediately upon release, aided to the extent of more than four hundred dollars each by an American-Irish-papist organization.

So Trotsky went on. Arrived in Russia, what happened? Well if the present regime of which Trotsky is more than a figurehead is not an organization promoting the propaganda of "ourselves alone" just as Irish papists are doing in Ireland then the dickering of the regime with Germany cannot be explained by mortal man. That "ourselves alone" is the slogan and living policy of popish Sinn Feiners wherever you find them. True, Rome says she is about to disown them but—the rumor was delayed until they failed in their purpose. Rome has put her denunciation off too long.

Then, too, you remember it is only recently, while Russia was in conference with Germany to be exact, that the pope's campaign of suggestion trying to get a wireless on St. Peter's dome that he might communicate with Russia and other powers was launched.

That doesn't necessarily signify that the pope wanted to keep in touch with Trotsky and his cohorts but it does signify a keenness to get in touch with the situation. He may have realized that there was danger of the Russian regime not coming to terms with the Kaiser and he might have wished to offer a few conciliatory remarks for the benefit of both and to the detriment of the allies but whatever the cause of his action, certain it is that it would not displease either the pope or Kaiser to have Russia out of the way. To overturn the basic democratic government and get control sufficiently to help the Kaiser and the Roman church at the same time might not be a bad move for the vatican, and though we have no documentary evidence, the signs point to a papal propaganda in the offing. It would be interesting to trace the affiliations of men concerned in the twist of affairs in Russia and state secrets might be easier explained by so doing.

PAPAL THRONES FOR DESPOTIC ROMANISTS

Popes, Cardinals and Other Dignitaries Occupy Papal Thrones Indicative of Autocratic Authority

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As the rising tide of democracy is making its supreme effort to overturn the thrones whose autocrats have so cursed the human race, it is well to remember that nineteen-twentieths of all the thrones now in existence are occupied by the despotic prelates who rule the Papal Empire. While the number of imperial and royal autocrats now reigning does not exceed twenty, the world-wide despotism known as the Roman Catholic Church is ruled by hundreds of enthroned autocrats.

While a few royal potentates claim divine right to plunder and oppress, the sovereign head of the Papal Empire boldly claims to rule the world as the personal and only representative of God on earth. This claim is the very essence of the papal autocracy. For twelve hundred years the popes, by virtue of their pretension to be the alter ego of Deity, have assumed to rule the world with authority which they have forbidden the people to challenge.

The popes have repeatedly declared that salvation depends on the complete subjection and fealty of every Roman Catholic to the pope as supreme ruler. Leo XIII so declares in his Encyclical Letter *Sapientiae Christianae* in the following words:

"But the man who has embraced the Christian faith, as in duty bound, is by that very fact a subject of the church as one of the children born of her, and becomes a member of that greatest and holiest body, which it is the special charge of the Roman pontiff to rule with supreme power,

under its invisible head, Jesus Christ."—Great Encyclical Letters, page 188.

The *Baltimore Catholic Review*, official organ of Cardinal Gibbons, on December 22, 1917, in its leading front-page article, mentions with evident pride the fact that Pope Benedict accepted his election at the hands of the cardinals who then stood at the foot of his throne. Every year Cardinal Gibbons himself sits on a throne in St. Patrick's Church in the capital city of the United States during the Cardinal's Mass held in his honor. He did this on January 13, this year, the throne being located as usual at the left of the altar.

When the American Federation of Catholic Societies held its annual convention in New York City in August, 1916, four thrones were provided and occupied in that meeting by the three Roman Catholic cardinals and the Papal Delegate to the United States whose palace stands in the diplomatic section of Washington City. The cathedral church of every Roman bishop in the world is provided with a throne which the bishop occupies during his reign. The very name cathedral arises from this fact, being derived from the Latin *cathedra* which means a throne.

The Vatican Council decreed in 1870 that the pope is infallible when speaking *ex cathedra*, meaning literally that he is infallible when speaking from his throne. Since early in the Dark Ages every sovereign pontiff of the Roman Catholic church has ruled that vast aggregation from a material throne identical in every particular with those occupied by emperors and kings, and every Roman Catholic cardinal and bishop throughout the world has likewise occupied a throne to attest his delegated sovereign authority as a prince and procurator of the Papal Empire.

The present great struggle to eradicate despotism and establish civil and religious liberty and human rights will come fatally short of complete success if it does not pluck up by the roots the most intolerant, impudent, bigoted and withering autocracy that has ever blighted the world—political Romanism with its hundreds and hundreds of enthroned autocrats.

When representatives of liberty and democracy assemble at the close of the present appalling war to eliminate the blight of autocracy from the world, the autocrat of the vatican should be divested absolutely of the throne, crown and other appurtenances of the tyranny with which he has so long plundered and degraded the fairest portions of the earth.

WAR DESTROYER OF ROMAN CENSORSHIP

English Correspondent Shows How Roman Pro-Germanism Has Secured Action in the Press

From Our English Correspondent.

One of the most noted effects of the war on the press in England has been the breaking of the Roman censorship over the press. Our great London papers are plucking up courage and are exposing the priests and the vatican continually. *The Times*, *Morning Post*, *Globe*, *Contemporary Review*, and others, not so powerful, are rubbing it into the people that the priests and the vatican are disloyal and are in league with Germany. I have seen four stinging articles in the *Morning Post* alone in the last two months. So severe was the sting that a summary of one *Morning Post* article was cabled to Italy and published there and shook the vatican. At once Cardinal Gasparri, secretary of state to the pope, sent a written explanation of the Italian affair to Cardinal Bourne in London who handed it to a representative of the *Morning Post*. You may guess the vatican tried to explain away the damaging indictment without success. *The Morning Post* grasped the situation in reply when it says: "If Cardinal Gasparri desires further evidence, he can be at no loss to find it. It cannot have escaped his eminence's attention that in every quarter of the globe, in Italy, in Spain, in Quebec, in Australia, in Ireland, in what place so ever the influence of the vatican is predominant there is both open and secret hostility to the cause of the

THE KAISER PUT GERLACH IN VATICAN

Is Explanation of Roman Priest in Moment of Excitement at Meeting in Sussex, England

From Our English Correspondent.

In October last Mr. Kensit was lecturing in Sussex on Rome's part in the war and the presence of Gerlach in the vatican. He dwelt at more or less length on the activities of Monsignor Gerlach in the interest of the Austro-German powers and on his conviction by the Italian government. At this point a Roman Catholic priest who was present interrupted the speaker to inform him that Gerlach was not in the vatican on the guarantee of the pope, but on the guarantee of the Kaiser.

The audience quickly saw that it was a peculiar circumstance that would place Gerlach in the vatican as private chamberlain to the pope on the guarantee of the Kaiser, and there is little doubt that the priest was soon sorry of a remark that came perilously near being truth.

An article of interest which has probably not appeared in America's dailies was contained in our great London paper, *The Morning Post* on November 21st, last. It contained a cable from Renter which appeared originally in the French paper, *Excelsior*, which said the pope had sounded the Italian government about placing Venice under the provisional government of the Patriarchate, thereby making it a neutral city and safe from Austrian or German invasion. This was a crafty attempt of the pope to regain a semblance of temporal power.

The Morning Post's correspondent at Sydney, (N. S. W.) says that the Irish Roman Catholic ecclesiastics are opposing their own government plans for the prosecution of the war, a statement which is borne out by the fact that the prime minister of Australia, Mr. Hughes, has attacked Roman Catholic Archbishop Mannix, for opposing the government in the prosecution of the war and "preaching sedition in season and out of season."

Mr. Hughes declares that behind Dr. Mannix are the reckless extremists who made a recent strike, the pacifists and pro-Germans. He also accuses the doctor of being a supporter of Sinn Feinism and for encouraging the Irish to rebel against the imperial government.

allies." This stinging retort brought a long letter from Cardinal Bourne himself a day later, attempting to parry the stroke ere it struck home to the people. This expose has diminished the prestige of the vatican here thanks to the *Morning Post* which again replies by saying "We can find nothing in Cardinal Bourne's courteous letter that disproves the allegation."

Note—We might say that the statement of our correspondent regarding England's publications could almost be applied to America's press, though there are no such dailies as the *Morning Post* taking issue direct with representatives of the vatican or making any effort beyond an occasional news item to show Rome's hand in the world's greatest tragedy. But what is appearing in the way of news not pleasing or helpful to Rome is a deal more than could have been gained before *THE MENACE* started its exposure of vatican and German intrigue and it is more than could have been had under any condition other than that the evidence against the vatican is preponderantly heavy.

What is it the pope is so anxious to do in that forthcoming peace conference? Seemingly he is as much exercised in anticipation of sitting therein as a highwayman impatient to divide the proceeds of a hold-up or as a boy going to see his first circus. Why all this frantic effort to land the job when it is perfectly clear that only the Central Powers desire his presence?

Mobbing and near-murders continue but democracy raises from each such assault quickened by the blows of the would-be assassins of liberty and justice.

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This government is a government of political parties, and through politics any power that controls must secure that control. Rome knows this and advises that political means be used for the purpose of securing control.

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